



A FASHION REVUE... Crenshaw Elementary PTA held a fashion revue and hat making contest at their April meeting. Pictured modeling original creations are (from left to right, front row) Mrs. Jackie Mansker and Mrs. Arthur Hanson; (back row) Mrs. Ray Stugart, Mrs. C. E. Chapman and Mrs. Clint DuBois.

### Local Pilot Club Members Attend District Conclave

Members of the Pilot Club of Torrance attended the ninth annual convention of Pilot International, District 18, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, on April 12, 13 and 14. Pilot is one of the five international classified service clubs for executive business and professional women.

Mmes. Gerald Cork and Clara Dougherty, and Miss Mae Sleep, were the official delegates to the convention from the local club, and other members from Torrance who attended were Mmes. J. K. Burchfield, J. A. Delaire, C. B. Mitchell, John Whittington and Mary Young. Mrs. DeJaife took one of the leading parts in the planning of the coming year's projects for District 18, which comprises 20 clubs in the State of California. She has been appointed district publicity chairman for the next club year.

The convention was presided over by the District Governor, Miss Ruth E. Cunningham of the San Gabriel Valley Club. International officers who attended were Miss Ruth Dickens of Tulsa, Okla., executive committee representative; Mrs. Rose M. Morrissey of Sacramento, international treasurer; and Mrs. Bobby Burnham of Albuquerque, N. M., a director of Pilot International.

In addition to the business meetings, the total of 204 Pilots, husbands and guests enjoyed several outstanding entertainment features, among them an aquacade by the Beverly Hills High School Water Ballet, an ice show by the United States Figure Skating Assn., and musical selections by Miss Kay St. Germain and the Los Angeles College Concert Choir. Guest speakers at the banquet and luncheons were Miss Agnes Richmond, postmaster of Beverly Hills; Mr. Louis Fabian, president of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Faith D. Rothburn, representative from Sister Keaney Foundation; and Miss Lorena Cooper of the John Robert Powers Studio.

### Soroptimist Club Hears Delegates Give Reports

At the regular noon meeting of the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist Club held at the Palms in Torrance on April 15, delegates Margaret Neff, club president, Edna Walther, and

LaVilla McMillan reported to the members on the Conference they attended April 12, 13, and 14 at the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego. LaVilla McMillan pointed out that service was stressed and several skits were put on, one by two foreign students, one by the safety committee, one for the Cottage for the Aged, and one by the Education Committee. Edna Walther reported 96 clubs were represented, 279 voting delegates, 185 non-delegates, and 650 attended the last banquet. An honorary member of La Jolla, Dr. Anita V. Figueroa, a noted surgeon and mother of seven children, gave an inspiring talk. American Federation President, Mrs. Emily N. Ziegler of San Diego, in her address suggested giving a Soroptimist Manuel when initiating new members instead of a corsage, as flowers die while the manual will live forever.

President Margaret Neff stated the quality in membership instead of quantity was stressed and that all problems arising in a club should be discussed at club meetings and not outside. She said that recommendations were made to have the by-laws printed in a small book, to remind members to volunteer for committee work and to remember that attendance is the price of Soroptimism. The next regular noon meeting of the club will be at the Palms, April 22, in Torrance, and Frances Stephan, a member, and principal of Robert E. Peary Jr. High School will speak on "Report on the National Secondary School Principals Convention."

One guest, Judith Ann Heron, daughter of member Margaret Herron and one visiting Soroptimist, Kay Lynch, were present. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison and their mothers, Mrs. Ruth Adamson of Los Angeles and Mrs. Ray Allison of Long Beach, will leave after church services today for Bouquet Canyon near Acton where they will visit the Columbo Lilac Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bates will have as their dinner guests their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Downing and Gloria, of Wilmington. This afternoon they will go to the rose garden at Exposition Park to take family pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Bates recently heard from their other son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Downing, who are in Iberoberstein, Germany, where Jerry is with the United States Army. His wife is directing a playground there. Their Easter plans include a trip to Holland to view the tulip gardens.

## LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

### Riviera

Election of officers was held recently by the Riviera PTA in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Gene Voorhees was elected president for next year.

Other officers include Mmes. James Ogburn, first vice president and also program chairman; Markie Sparks, second vice president; Leo Lavanis, third vice president; Edward Davis, fourth vice president; recording secretary, Carl Whistler; corresponding secretary, Jay Madden; treasurer, Mr. Richard Dodge; historian, Mrs. James Cassell; and auditor, Mr. Richard Miller.

Ronnie Hole, student body president, explained the function of the student body government and introduced the program performed by the students. The program included several selections by the Riviera school band, under the direction of Gordon Petrie. Chris Davis, one of the students led the band in two of the selections.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. William Loftus, sang several numbers. Mrs. Lois Christianson's seventh grade students gave a demonstration of square dancing. The meeting was adjourned and a social hour followed.

Installation of officers will be held at the May 15 meeting of the Riviera PTA, at 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

Four members of the PTA attended the 33rd District California Congress of Parents and Teachers' Third Annual Convention. It was held Thursday, April 11, at the Whittier High School in Whittier, Calif.

Attending were Mmes. Leo Lavanis, John Smith, James Ogburn and Gene Voorhees. They participated in the voting and observed the displays.

Approximately 170 guests were present at the fashion show-luncheon held for the Riviera room mothers. Mrs. Rod Freeman, room mother chairman, was in charge of the arrangements. She was assisted by Mrs. Frank O'Connor and Mrs. Robert Dwight. The fashions, from a local shop, were displayed by the models from the Jeanne Barnhart Studios, with Jeanne Barnhart acting as the commentator.

### Meadow Park

Meadow Park PTA held its regular association meeting April 10 at the school. The meeting was opened by Sue Devore giving the flag ceremony. The school orchestra under the direction of J. Hamilton presented the first part of the program, "Music and its Origin." Arnold Quinn introduced the students as they gave the history of the different types and beginning. They started with primitive man's type, the waltz, Dixie Land, religious, folk, and modern.

Science students had arranged several types of displays for the association such things as "Electrolysis of Water," a volcano in action with sound effects.

Other displays were found to be very interesting and very educational. After all the displays had been viewed, the science class presented a skit "Calamity Clarence," man from outer space, after which there was a short business meeting.

A special project fund raising committee was chosen to get films for an afternoon showing to the students. The committee will consist of Mmes. J. Mar, J. L. Dunn, C. Campbell, R. Culligan, P. Berra.

The president reminded everyone of the forthcoming spring roundup for the children who will be starting kindergarten in September. The dates being May 1, 2, 3 and 6.

On April 24 there will be another education film "Roots of Happiness." The school nurse and H. Miller will be on hand to give additional information and hold an informal discussion. May 1 there will be open house and school dedication. Fifth grade room mothers were hostesses for the evening. The next meeting will be on May 15.

### WASHINGTON GUESTS

Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Hurley and sons, Bob and Pat, left for their home in Everett, Wash., last Wednesday after spending a week here visiting Mrs. Hurley's father, Thomas C. Dacre and Mrs. Dacre, 642 Cota. While here the visitors were also guests of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pysaet.

### Perry

"Open House on the Range" is the title of the Perry School PTA meeting on Thursday, April 25. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. which is half an hour earlier than the usual time, and will be in the school cafeteria. This is to enable parents to visit their children's classrooms and chat with the teachers.

A preview of several activities in progress at Perry will be explained and demonstrated by teachers and pupils representing three different grade levels. "Reading Readiness" will be discussed briefly by kindergarten teacher Mrs. Joyce Wallner, followed by kindergarten pupil participation.

Mr. Robert Dunbar, fourth grade teacher and several of his pupils will discuss "Creative Writing." "The Constitution" as studied in the eighth grade at Perry will be explained by eighth grade teacher Mrs. Isabelle Wagner. This discussion will be followed by

### Lomita

Plans are being made by Lomita Elementary PTA for a festival at the school May 3. The theme will be Carnival Rhythms and will feature the students in the early afternoon.

Game and refreshment booths and the country store will be open later. Those staying for supper will have two menus from which to choose.

### PALM SPRINGS TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loranger returned last Wednesday from a four day vacation in Palm Springs. A special guest was Mrs. J.

### Mrs. L. Hennen Hostess at Two Parties

Mrs. Lloyd Hennen was hostess at two lovely spring luncheons last week, one on Thursday and the other on Friday, at her home, 220 Palos Verdes Blvd.

At Thursday's luncheon Las Vecinas club members enjoyed a buffet luncheon served at a table decorated with an Easter egg tree.

Guests at this affair were Mmes. Robert Underwood, William Peterson, Don Malone, Quinton Johnson, Mel Heslinger, William Creighton, Marvin Bandoli, Henry Schmalz, William Reid, David Hurford, and Lee Flanagan of Hollywood Riviera and Mrs. L. M. Nash of Rolling Hills.

Mrs. Hennen's guests on Friday were former Delphian associates. They were Mmes. E. E. Wissman, Max Weber, J. M. Corcoran and H. M. Wilkerson of Palos Verdes; Mmes. Morrison Hornbeck, Robert Ellis, Harry Walker, Robert Pinkney, Charles Gift, and Robert Matson, Hollywood Riviera.

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### RN BAZAAR SET FOR TUESDAY

Friendship Circle of the Torrance Camp of Royal Neighbors will sponsor a bake sale and bazaar in connection with the regular card party on Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 23, in the Women's Clubhouse.

A handmade afghan will be awarded as a door prize.

Mrs. Margaret Stevens, president of the club has announced that there will be cards for any one wishing to play also in the afternoon and prizes will be awarded for high scores.

In the evening the regular card games will be held with Mrs. Juanita McNew as the hostess.

### DINNER GUESTS

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Rector, 437 Villa la Selva, gave a dinner party recently. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Curt Wagner, Mrs. Marion Headington and Mrs. Nancy Yewell.

O. Downing of Rolling Hills. Unable to attend were Mmes. Don Darnell of Palos Verdes, and Mrs. S. E. Conway of Manhattan Beach.

### ATTEND REUNION

Mrs. Victor Benstead, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Byk and daughter, Linda, and Joseph Banks attended a family reunion on April 7 at the home of Mrs. Benstead's mother, Mrs. Carrie Moudy in Azusa. Forty-five relatives from over the state were present.

### ATTEND CONFERENCE

Attending the Regional YWCA conference at Asilomar from April 26 to 30 will be Mmes. Grover Van Deventer, Victor Benard, A. E. Palmer and Mabel Speck. While in the north Mrs. Van Deventer plans to visit her sister, Mrs. Adeline Goetz in Vacaville.

### ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Kenneth Figgins entertained her Anaheim bridge club at a bridge luncheon last Thursday. Two substitutes were Mrs. Leroy Snodgrass and Mrs. William Scholl.

### TO CATALINA

Mrs. John Melville and three children left Thursday for their home in Catalina where they will spend Easter, returning next Tuesday. Mr. Melville will join them for Easter.

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